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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 2, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended by one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on August 7, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present RCE application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments to the claims.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.